

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
CITIZENS ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE**

ROOM 372, HALL OF ADMINISTRATION / 500 WEST TEMPLE / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012 / 625-3611, Ext. 64605

M I N U T E S

FULL COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1968  
TIME: 9:30 A.M.  
PLACE: ROOM 739, HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

Robert Mitchell,  
Chairman  
Raymond Arbuthnot  
John C. Bollens  
Davis Brabant  
Max Candiotty  
Maurice Rene Chez  
Lynne A. Frantz  
Dr. Warren S. Jones  
Mrs. Ray Kidd  
Harlan Loud  
P. S. Magruder  
Kiyoshi Maruyama  
Irvin Mazzei  
Maurice McAlister  
Harold C. McClellan  
Ferdinand Mendenhall  
Earl Burns Miller  
Mrs. Benjamin Erick Smith  
Burke Roche,  
Executive Secretary

Attendance:

Robert Mitchell, Chairman  
Davis Brabant  
Maurice Rene Chez  
P. S. Magruder  
Irvin Mazzei  
William Torrance  
Gus A. Walker  
Burke Roche, Executive Secretary

Mr. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. He introduced Mr. William Torrance, new committee member appointed by Supervisor Dorn, and welcomed him to the committee.

Mr. Mitchell then asked Mr. Roche to report on the status of the Sheriff-Marshall legislation. Mr. Roche stated that the Municipal and County Government Committee has referred the committee's bill, AB 947 to interim study. He told the committee that Ventura County has a bill almost identical to AB 947 which is now before the Senate. He said that the Marshal's bill, AB 470 had been put in the inactive file, but is now back in the active file.

Mr. Magruder stated that he thought Mr. Roche had done a fine job on the wording of the Executive Compensation Report. He asked if the recommendation in the report to form a permanent salary sub-committee for the County of Los Angeles had yet been implemented. Mr. Roche stated that Mr. Hollinger is very much in accord with the recommendation and will see that it is put into effect as soon as possible.

Mr. Mitchell then reported on the Board's action on executive salaries. He thanked Mr. Magruder and his salary sub-committee for their fine work on the salary figures in the Executive Compensation Report.

Mr. Chez reported that he had seen Supervisor Debs who had suggested that the Committee make a study of the 350 County executives in Los Angeles County service and weed out the executives which are not qualified to hold these positions. He said he told Supervisor Debs that he could definitely not count on the Committee's undertaking a study of this scope.

Mr. Mazzei told the Committee that he had a letter which was sent to him by the Los Angeles County Fire Fighters Union, Local 1014. He stated that he had met with representatives of this group and had explained that the Committee was not against parity as such - simply against parity between certain departments in the County and City for example. He asked Mr. Mitchell to read the letter to the Committee members and ask for their views. After Mr. Mitchell read the letter and the committee discussed its contents, Mr. Mazzei suggested that a meeting be set up so that a representative group from the union could meet with the committee to discuss and clarify its position on the matter. He then said that, as a result of the Committee's Executive Compensation Report, the union has been told by the Personnel Department (which has misinterpreted the report) that it will no longer consider the union's request for a three hour a week reduction in the weekly hour schedule.

The Committee decided that Mr. Roche should set up a meeting with one of the union representatives and that the Committee would be in reserve to meet with the union if the initial meeting does not work out.

Mr. Magruder suggested that the best approach might be for Mr. Roche to first meet with the Personnel people who have misinterpreted the Committee's report before meeting with the union people. Mr. Roche agreed and stated that he would get in touch with Personnel before setting up a meeting with the union representatives.

Mr. Roche then told the Committee that Mr. Hollinger has written a report to the Board recommending some changes ~~to~~ the Executive Compensation Report. He said that although the Supervisors had made some of these recommendations to Mr. Hollinger and he did not feel too strongly about some of them, he did however feel quite strongly about the Committee's recommendation for his chief deputy who in his opinion, should be on a salary level with the other chief deputies in the County.

Mr. Mitchell asked Mr. Roche, in the absence of both Mrs. Kidd and Dr. Jones, to report on the County Managers Conference which they had attended. Mr. Roche stated that Dr. Jones and Mrs. Kidd had been invited to participate in the County Middle-Managers Conference by County personnel involved in planning the Conference. He said that several of the people he knew who had attended the Conference had stated to him how impressed they were with both of the Committee's representatives. He stated that Mrs. Kidd would report on the Health Services Planning Committee at the next Committee meeting.

Mr. Mitchell then asked Mr. Roche to cover the Committee projects in process. Mr. Roche stated that the Architectural Services Report was the first to be completed. He said the study had been initiated by a request from the Grand Jury to the Board of Supervisors, and a Board request to the Committee. He asked for a sub-committee to work with him on the report. Mr. Brabant, Mr. Walker, and Dr. Jones will make up the sub-committee.

Mr. Roche said that he would like to borrow both Lloyd Halstead and Joel Segal from the Budget Division long enough to go over the Capital Projects and Regional Planning reports before any other sub-committees were set up. He then reported that, as a result of the Communications study, the County Digest, a County employee newspaper is now in existence to keep employees informed of County news. The Committee then discussed the feasibility of a study of the Department of Collections. Mr. Roche read the Board order to the Committee.

Mr. Roche told the Committee he felt an important study for the future would be one on City-County fire service consolidation. He said that Chief Klinger, Head of the County Forester and Fire Warden Department, had called him and set up a meeting. When the meeting date came up, Mr. Mitchell was out of town and so Mr. Roche and Ray Arbuthnot met with Chief Klinger. Chief Klinger told them that now was the time to merge the County and City Fire Departments so that Los Angeles would have County-wide fire service. It was decided that Ray Arbuthnot and William Torrance would serve on a sub-committee to study the feasibility of consolidating the two fire services.

Mr. Mazzei asked Mr. Roche if anything further has developed on the suggestion of Mr. Sam Hunegs to consolidate landscape maintenance in the Parks and Recreation Department. He explained that Mr. Hunegs has several good ideas to improve efficiency in this area.

Mr. Roche told Mr. Mazzei that he had talked to Ted Durkee, head of the Management Services Division in the Chief Administrative Office regarding the study his Division is now doing in the Parks and Recreation Department. He and Mr. Durkee concluded that Mr. Hunegs' suggestions would be studied as soon as the current study is completed.

Mr. Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

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